

Election/Restrictions

Applicants have reviewed the Restriction Requirement dated September 27, 2005, wherein the Examiner has restricted the claims to one of the following species of the claimed invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Species I – A lead assembly as claimed in Col. 6, Ln. 1.
- II. Species II – A lead assembly as claimed in Col. 7, Ln. 1, where the lead assembly also includes an outer insulative body.

Upon (the above) election of the species, the Examiner has further restricted the claims to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 13-17, drawn to a method of coupling a conductor with an inner electrode to form a conductor-inner electrode coupling, classified in class 600, subclass 395.
- II. Claims 18-25, drawn to disposing a conductor over at least a portion of an inner electrode, classified in class 600, subclass 395.
- III. Claims from (the above) election of species, drawn to a lead assembly, classified in class 600, subclass 377.

Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the claims of Species II, drawn to a lead assembly including an outer insulative body. Please cancel claims 13-25 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add claims 26-37. Claims 1-12 and 26-37 read on the elected species. Claims 1 and 7 are generic.

Support for the new claims is as follows. Support for claims 26 and 34 can be found at, but not limited to, FIG. 2 and [0033]. Support for claims 27 and 28 can be found at, but not limited to, [0034]. Support for claim 30 can be found at, but not limited to, [0032]. Support for claim 31 can be found at, but not limited to, [0032] and claim 13 as filed. Support for claim 32 can be found at, but not limited to, [0042] and claim 13 as filed. Support for claim 33 can be found at, but not limited to, [0033]. Support for claim 35 can be found at, but not limited to,

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[0042] and claim 18 as filed. Support for claim 36 can be found at, but not limited to, [0033] and claim 17 as filed. Support for claim 37 can be found at, but not limited to, [0041] and claim 21 as filed.

Oath/Declaration

The Examiner stated that the oath or declaration is defective because non-initialed and/or non-dated alterations have been made to the oath or declaration. In response, Applicants enclose herewith a copy of the declaration as filed and point out that the inventor did initial and date the changes. Applicants hereby respectfully request withdrawal of this objection.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 359-3276 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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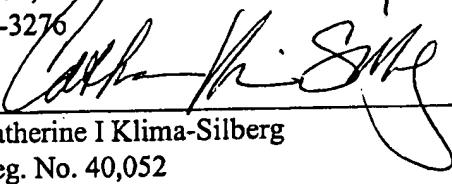
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